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## MONDAY notebook

### WEATHER

**MON 2/13:**  
**MOSTLY SUNNY**  
HIGH: 38, LOW: 28

**TUES, 2/14:**  
**SUNNY**  
HIGH: 43, LOW: 33

**WED, 2/15:**  
**MOSTLY SUNNY**  
HIGH: 55, LOW: 39

### BREAKING NEWS

#### DICK CHENEY SHOOTS FELLOW HUNTER IN FACE

WHILE TRYING TO SHOOT A FLOCK OF QUAIL IN TEXAS, VICE PRESIDENT DICK CHENEY ACCIDENTALLY SPRAYED A FELLOW HUNTER, 78, WITH BIRD-SHOT IN THE FACE, NECK AND CHEST.

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## Emergency Elections Meeting Held Thursday

BY AYESHA RASCOE  
Campus Editor

General Elections candidacy positions were reopened on Thursday at an emergency general assembly meeting.

Although the meeting was initially supposed to last only 15 minutes and to address changing a clause in general elections guidelines, ultimately UGSA representatives attending the gathering began to discuss other issues.

"The meeting just turned into chaos," said Jennifer Bryant, vice chair of General Assembly for UGSA.

Prior to Thursday's meeting Michael Lawson, chairman of general elections, reopened applications for graduate trustee and graduate student assembly representative candidates, responding to complaints that there was not proper publicity for the

original candidate application deadline the graduate school. Lawson made this change without the approval of UGSA, which was within his rights at the time according to the general elections guidelines. On Thursday, the General Assembly convened to amend the guidelines so that elections commissioners can no longer make changes in elections without the consent of UGSA.

In addition to approving this amendment on Thursday, they decided since the graduate positions had been reopened, it would be necessary to reopen applications for HUSA presidential candidates since graduates can also run for president of HUSA. Finally they decided since the other positions applications were reopened, then this change should be extended to all general elections.

"As of right now

applications for graduate and undergraduate elections is now reopened until February 17th," said Constance Trowers, College of Arts and Sciences UGSA representative. "But the elections are still scheduled for March 2nd, which means there will be only technically two weeks left for campaigning."

Stephen Nichols, who previously was a part of the only slate officially running for HUSA president and vice president, said he is pleased that students will now have more an opportunity to choose from more candidates, but he disagrees with the actions of the General Assembly.

"I'm not in favor of the General Assembly overturning a decision by the election commissioner and opening all elections," said Nichols, who is running for vice president of HUSA.

Each year the general assembly approves general



Photo By Derrell Smith - Asst. Photo Editor

After general elections were reopened on Thursday, an emergency meeting was held to discuss the changes. Elections are reopened until February 17th.

elections guidelines.

Nichols said he believes that is the time for guidelines to be changed, not when campaigning has already begun.

"The problems general assembly had could have been avoided if they had been more on their game," Nichols said.

Currently at least two students are passing out petitions to become HUSA presidential candidates: Myla Jones, as president,

and Precious Kofie, as vice president. Jones, who was an official candidate after the initial ballot but dropped out of the race, said she is pleased the elections were reopened, but said she had planned to run as a write-in candidate regardless.

"For the people that may be upset [that elections were reopened], they have the advantage because they've already started campaigning," Jones said.

Although they are entering the race late, Jones and Kofie said they do not want elections to be postponed.

"We're aware of that disadvantage, however we are ready to take on that challenge," Kofie said.

General assembly will meet next Wednesday, Feb. 15, to further discuss this issue, what this extension will entail, and how it will affect the existing candidates' campaign.

## A Snowy Weekend



Howard University students were ecstatic to discover late Saturday evening a winter wonderland in their backyard.

Photo By Derrell Smith - Asst. Photo Editor

## Ishmael Reed Honored at 12th Annual Heart's Day

BY FARREN HINTON  
Hilltop Staff Writer

The Blackburn Center's East Ballroom played host to a day filled to the brim with insightful discussion and the study of satire, irony, and comedy Friday, as the Howard University English department hosted its 12th annual Heart's Day.

Celebrated throughout the day were the accomplishments of honoree Ishmael Reed, who was also in attendance. Reed, a satirist known for writing poetry, fiction, essays, editorial works and criticisms could be seen nodding his head throughout the day in concurrence with the studies and dictations of his works professed by those who took part in the conference. Some of Reed's most popular works include "Mumbo



The English department paid tribute to Ishmael Reed, author of works such as "Mumbo Jumbo" and "Flight to Canada," on Friday with a series of discussions focusing on satire, comedy, and irony.

Jumbo" and "Flight to Canada."

The conference, which was free to all, hosted a number of hour-long sessions ranging from topics such as literary ancestry and satire, to the pluralist vision of Ishmael Reed. The

theme of this year's Heart's Day was the contemporizing of studies of satire, irony and comedy produced by black authors spanning from the 19th century to the hip-hop movement.

During the first morning session, titled "Literary

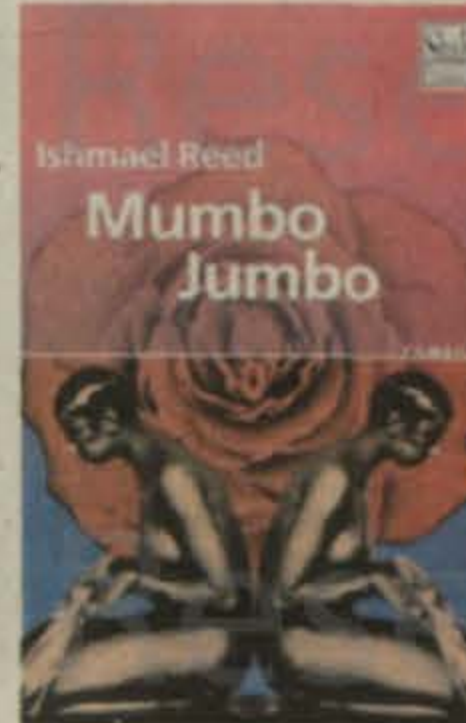


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Ancestry and Satire," Howard faculty and guest speakers discussed satirical works such as "Black No More" by George S. Schuyler and the comic strip and television show, "The Boondocks," created by Aaron McGruder.

The next hour-long session went into more detail of American satire and included a discussion on the dramatic irony evident in works done by Langston Hughes.

Spectators shuffled in and out of the conference throughout the day as the hip-hop, rap and r&b culture, as well as pop culture were discussed under the scope of satirical ideals and attitudes. Students and guests from around the country listened intently as pop culture icons such as Dave Chappelle and black mothers were discussed.

The second half of Heart's Day opened with greetings by Dr. Alvin Thornton, the Associate Provost, followed by the keynote address by Eleanor W. Traylor titled "Ishmael Reed and the Discourse of the Wonderful."

Towards the end of the

day the audience began to thin out as the last of the afternoon sessions got underway with the discussion of the pluralist vision of Ishmael Reed.

In his address focusing on Reed's Black-Asian alliance of multiculturalist satire, Christopher A. Shinn said Reed's works "airs other peoples' dirty laundry so that we find multiculturalism a goal and a problem within itself."

Heart's Day culminated in an honorary tribute to the accomplishments of Reed with all proceeds going to the support the Department of English's efforts to raise funding for the Sterling A. Brown Endowed Chair. One of Sterling A. Brown's biggest contributions to Howard was his initialization of English 102, the first course to be based solely on the formal study of African American Literature.



## Websites Give Students a Turn to do the Grading

BY FARREN HINTON  
Hilltop Staff Writer

In recent years there has been a surge in the number of websites dedicated to allowing students to rate their college professors. When time for registration comes, students all over Howard's campus can be found on their computers clicking back and fourth from Bisonweb, to the most infamous Ratemyprofessors.com

Now in its sixth year of operation, Ratemyprofessors.com, the largest and most popular of this new crop of websites, hosts more 350 Howard professors. Professors are ranked anonymously by students on a scale from one to five for easiness, helpfulness, and clarity.

Ratings such as, "He's a cutie!! Very helpful and very attractive," to others like "Do not

take him! Do not take him! He is unclear, unprofessional, and rude. Avoid him at all costs," can all be viewed about Howard faculty on this site.

Niana Carter said she believes sites of this nature are a necessity due in part to the uncertainty of instructor quality during registration.

"When I'm registering for classes I will often reference Ratemyprofessors.com just to see what other students think about the professors I am signing up for because honestly those ratings can be extremely accurate at times," said Carter, a sophomore biology/administration of justice major.

According to the site's founder, John Swapceinski, the cost-free site was created to help students get the most out of their educations.

"Every semester, millions of



More than 350 Howard professors, some pictured above at a Teacher Appreciated Ceremony, are rated by students who have taken their classes on a scale from one to five for easiness, helpfulness, and clarity on the popular website, ratemyprofessors.com, in hopes of helping peers.

students use RateMyProfessors.com to plan their class schedules, which in turn improves the quality of their educations," he said. "Since inception, RateMyProfessors.com has grown like wildfire. Over 7 million students are currently benefiting from the information."

Professors from around the country have voiced concerns about websites like ratemyprofessors.com. Kenneth Westhues, a sociology professor at the University of Waterloo, who completed a study on the site in 2004, suggests that Ratemyprofessors.com is "unmentionable in university administrations."

Some Howard students are also wary of these types of sites.

"Because I am a chemistry major I trust talking to my chem-

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## 41 Local Girls Find Answers With Deltas

BY ARION JAMERSON  
Hilltop Staff

On Saturday, 41 girls appeared in front of the Tubman Quadrangle with their overnight and sleeping bags ready to attend the 14th Annual Woman to Woman Conference Follow-Up Retreat entitled "Sisters Lets Talk: Heart to Heart, Soul to Soul."

Sponsored by Alpha Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., the follow-up retreat gave attendees that attended the sorority's Woman to Woman Conference on Wednesday the opportunity to discuss their career plans and to spend more time with the sorority members.

This year, the conference reached an all-time high of almost 600 attendees, providing the girls with transportation to the events, lunch, seminars, a college fair and giveaways.

"The turnout was more than we could ever imagine for both the conference and the retreat," said Nicole Melton, Woman to



Nicole Reed - Staff Photographer

Alpha Chapter Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. held their 14th Annual Woman to Woman Conference Follow-Up Retreat Saturday, where 41 girls who attended the Conference talked about life.

Woman co-chair. "The conference and retreat is needed to help mold these young girls into women of excellence."

The follow-up retreat consisted of two days of various workshops catering to the needs of girls ages 11-18. The first session "Beauty From the Inside Out" by Mary Mack, a Mary Kay representative, gave the girls helpful information on appropriate skin care, make-up application and self-value.

"She taught us that you don't need a lot of make-up to look beautiful and how to love ourselves," said Carene Adjeye, an eighth grader at Nicholas Orem Middle School. "I'm excited, she is coming to my house to give me

a makeover and I'm going to be in her magazine," said Gissell Veloz, also an eighth grader at Nicholas Orem Middle School.

Special guest Jeannie Jones, radio personality from 93.9 WKYS, surprised the girls at the retreat. The girls were featured on a 30-second radio spot that aired that day. Jones went on to discuss with the girls how she began her career.

"After listening to [Jeannie] Jones speak, the girls were motivated and ready to go after their dreams," said Alesha Bradshaw, follow-up retreat chair.

Attendee Khendall Beale from Maya Angelou High School commented, "She is an inspiration to women all over because

## KeKe Hosts Man Auction



Nicole Reed - Staff Photographer

KeKe Sheppard, Live at the Apollo hostess, presented men at Willing and Able Service Providers (WASP)'s auction, to raise money for Sickle Cell Anemia Research.

## Campus Briefs



### Civil Rights Activist Push to Keep Original Voting Acts

Civil Rights activists gathered at Clark Atlanta University to encourage students to push to keep the original Voting Rights Acts approved 40 years ago, the Ledger Enquirer reported. Activists in attendance included: Rep. John Lewis and Chuck D.

Such leaders have pressured lawmakers and President Bush to approve key provisions of the act, which conservatives are pushing to modify. One provision requires election officials to provide voting material in native languages for immigrant voters who can not speak English. Under the act, nine states are required to get federal approval before changing voting rules.

Chuck D noted that the disfranchisement of more than 1.4 million males, felons who cannot vote, is hurting the uprising of black males. The activists encouraged all students to become more familiar with voting policies.



### Delaware State President Requests More Aid for Continuous Growth

Under Delaware State University President Allen S. Sessoms, the university has reached record a enrollment of 3,722, with an approximate growth of 800 students. However, the growth coupled with the students' financial need caused the university to have a \$5.82 million shortfall in aid, in part from aggressively recruiting students regardless of need.

The president's goal is to reach enrollment high of 10,000. Sessoms noted that more than 83 percent of students at DSU are on financial aid. Aside from the university's \$5.95 million operating request, Sessoms asked the legislative Joint Finance Committee to grant the university \$700,000 in aid to needy students and \$2 million for information technology support.



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### Student Charged with Inducing Panic through Facebook

As the investigation of a Jan. 9 rape case at Miami University proceeds, police in Oxford, Ohio, have charged a student, James Sharpe, with inducing panic, according to the Miami Student. Sharpe was arrested for using the composite sketch of the rape suspect as his own photo in his <http://facebook.com> profile.

Two female students called police and complained about his personal profile on the website. Student Affairs administration have declared that if a student is found by judicial affairs to be a threat to the university community, charges are filed.

According to a Feb. 9 press release from the Oxford Police Department, police officers and detectives continue to apply resources and investigative hours to all events reported to them. No convictions have been made in either case.

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# Can five students change the tax strategy of an entire nation? They already have.\*

## xTAX 2005

Last fall, over 900 students from 25 colleges and universities were given a difficult task: consider how a country can achieve economic objectives by instituting a job growth and incentive tax proposal. Their ideas were evaluated by a panel of PricewaterhouseCoopers professionals, who named the top team at each campus.

Join us in congratulating all the students who participated and the top team from Howard University:

Kareem Roberts  
Lisandre Roach  
Magen Barnett  
Paul Hobson  
Troy Hamm  
Alphonse Hill – Faculty Advisor

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## Black Men Leaving Jail HIV Positive

BY BRITTANY HUTSON  
Contributing Writer

The latest statistics show that the number of heterosexual men who were HIV negative before prison and return home HIV positive is on the rise.

African Americans represent the largest percentage in prison, in addition to the fact that they are contracting HIV and bringing it home to the African-American community where it is spreading rapidly, especially among African-American females.

Black inmates are more likely to contract or transmit HIV based on being disproportionately incarcerated.

According to BET.com, Executive Director of the LA based Black AIDS Institute Phill Wilson said, "Any discussion about AIDS and Black males in prison has to begin with the number of black men in prison."

According to U.S. Department of Justice Bureau statistics, as of mid-year 2004 there were 4,919 black males in prison or jail facilities per 100,000 black males in the U.S.

As of 2003, 1.9% of black inmates within state and federal prisons were tested positive for HIV," said Allen Beck, chief of correction statistics, Bureau of Justice Statistics.

The overall rate of confirmed AIDS within the prison population in 2002 was nearly 3.5 times the rate of the population at large. In addition, 163 Black inmates died of AIDS related deaths between 2001 and 2002.

The spreading of the disease within prison and jails are due in part to repeat offenders; "the same type of males are entering and leaving jail repeatedly" shared Ernest Williams, public health educator. If the males are HIV positive the disease continues to spread even further. Ernest Williams added that urban areas are most promi-

nent for the transmission of HIV based on "drug use".

According to the Center for AIDS Prevention Studies, AIDS Research Institute, factors that are risk behaviors for HIV in prison include injection drug use and unprotected sex with other males.

Many individuals entering correctional facilities have a history of high-risk sexual behaviors, substance abuse, or both. As a result, high rates of HIV and transmitted diseases have been documented among persons entering the correctional system.

According to Williams, the combining reality of being in prison and being introduced to prison sexuality does psychological damage to the minds of African-American males. "The males break down and they go through denial and guilt," Williams said.

He added that the prison environment can affect an inmate's view on prison sex and homosexuality.

"They witness prison sex occurring all around them so they accept that there is nothing wrong with it, thus causing a misconception about the ideas of homosexuality," Williams said.

The problem of identity affects inmates who have engaged in prison sex. Inmates who happen to engage in prison sex generally do not view themselves as homosexuals.

The mistake within the black community as a whole is that AIDS is still believed to be a gay man's disease.

As a result, ex-inmates or prisoners neglect to inform their lovers, male or female, about their past experiences with prison sexuality, according to an analysis done by the Center for Disease Control in early 2005.

"I believe African-American males are disappointed in the support mechanism that is in place to help them once



Photo Courtesy of www.purpleberets.com

**The overall rate of confirmed AIDS within the prison population in 2002 was nearly 3.5 times the rate of the population at large, according to the U.S. Department of Justice.**

they are released from prison," said Lila Ammons, an intern in the African-American Studies Department. Ammons believes that the community has responsibility to African-American males in prison and who are released from prison.

"Once we acknowledge that this particular disease exists among African-Americans then we need to step up and understand what the factors are and educate the community about it, to figure out ways we can stop the spreading of the disease."

E. Ethelbert Miller, literary activist and poet, and director of the African-American research

center has an alternative view about what the community should focus on in regards to aiding African-American males in or released from prison.

"The issue is how we look at sex education as a whole in the community," Miller said. "We first need to deal with sex education so people can be aware and know how sexual diseases are transmitted. There is opposition to present sex education to a particular age group so therefore people wind up not having knowledge and are not prepared to deal with people who are HIV positive."

## What's Going On in Our Nation and World?



Schwarzenegger Hopes to Move Nonviolent Female Inmates to Correctional Centers

California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger (R) proposed a plan to move 40 percent of the state's nonviolent females to neighborhood correctional centers closer to their families in Associated Press reports. The proposal could help decrease the overcrowding in the state's penitentiaries by allowing 4,500 of the state's 11,400 female inmates to get job training and counseling in the neighborhood correctional centers where some prisoners would have to privilege of having the children stay with them.

### Plane Accident in Sudan Kills 20

The Associated Press reports a plane accident in Sudan that killed 20 people on board, according to the army. While landing about 8 a.m. Sunday, the military transport plane blew a tire, swerved off the runway, and then exploded leaving seven crew members and 13 passengers dead. The official Sudan Media Center quoted the Office of the Armed Forces as saying, "One tire exploded while the plane was landing; a matter that made the plane deviate from the tarmac thus leading to its explosion."

### Iran Reaffirms Commitment to Nuclear Pact

Iran confirmed its pledge Sunday to a nuclear arms control treaty a day after its president had threatened withdrawal from the pact in order to quiet the concerns that it is seeking to develop atomic weapons, the Associated Press reported. Recently, both the U.S. and Europe has put pressure to continue freezing the country's nuclear program, but President Mahmoud Ahmadijad rejected this indicating that Iran might pull out from the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty. Also, the Associated Press was told that Iran removed International Atomic Energy Agency seals and cameras from its nuclear sites without IAEA permission.

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## Pulpits and Politics: Churches Search for Balance

BY ERINNA MCKISSICK  
Contributing Writer

Disasters like Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, alongside nationally-based concerns like unemployment, the war in Iraq, and the response of African-American churches to social and economical dilemmas, have some Americans evaluating the role that black religious organizations should play in politics.

Is it time for African-American preachers to come off their political soapboxes and restore the spiritual neutrality of their pulpits?

According to Tamelyn Tucker-Worgs, author of "The State of Black America 2000," the U.S. has approximately 740 megachurches, all of which have an average Sunday attendance of a minimum of 2,000 members. Worgs states that at least 65 of those institutions are predominately African-American. She also says that African-American megachurches are more involved politically and with community development than smaller black churches.

Some social analysts say that since the church is no longer the only institution in which African-Americans exercise control, the authority of the church has been weakened, especially among the urban poor. According to Robert Franklin, professor of social ethics at the Candler School of theology at Emory University, 20 percent of black churches preach a type "prosperity" gospel. James Shopshire, professor of the sociology of religion at Wesley Theological Seminary, says that churches who preach a "prosperity" gospel are more likely to work to develop individuals, while churches with a community orientation do more community development.

The Reverend Dr. Joseph Lowery is President of the Georgia Coalition for People's Agenda and President

Emeritus of the Southern Christian Leadership. He told *The Hilltop* that faith-based programs are compelling the black church to participate in partisan politics, ultimately "altering the mission of the black church."

"Black church leaders are jumping over the basket with the Right Wing fundamentalists and joining the tradition of people who've historically been our oppressors," said Lowery who helped found the Southern Christian Leadership Conference with Dr. Martin Luther King. "Now the black church is remaining silent on issues like lynching, apartheid, affirmative-action and tax cuts."

Currently, many African-American church leaders are in a debate as to whether or not they should focus primarily on issues like job creation, education, affirmative action, prison reform, and health care or whether to stress more heavily issues of personal morality. Carlous Price, minister of Victory Church International and a ministry intern at Howard University says, "Men and women of God should be political. Jesus was involved in politics. His gospel message was threatening to the existing political structure." Price also says that while ministers shouldn't preach their biases from the pulpit, the church does have a responsibility to be involved in politics and to interject the "Kingdoms" values into the political structure.

Historically, the church was the only institution that African-Americans controlled and so it served as a major venue for addressing social issues and organizing political strategy. Consequently, many black activists in the abolition movement, and later on in the Civil Rights movement were ministers.

"Generally the Black church is strong but needs to come together," Dr. Lowery said. "They are like the Democrats, uncertain with what they believe. But the church has to resume

its forceful leadership and advocacy otherwise they'll be drowned out by churches on the Right. We need to get our identity back."

As stated by Albert Raboteau, author of "Slave Religion: The 'Invisible Institution' in the Antebellum South," after the Civil War, Reconstruction opened electoral politics to black participation, ministers took active roles, and several were elected to state and national office. "Secular organizations like the Universal Negro Improvement Association and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People depended heavily upon the support of local ministers and churches," says Raboteau.

Lorenzo Morris, a Howard University political science professor, says that the church has provided the basis for charismatic skills among leadership. "The church is a large financial resource. It still provides an essential vehicle for mobilizing people," says Morris. Morris also says that instead of ministers creating politics and trying to construct a uniform political view among their congregation, they should preach public consciousness and responsibility. "The presence of faith is identified in political behavior," Morris said. "Ministers should share in politics. They shouldn't hide their political beliefs, but they shouldn't preach it from the pulpit."

Some people agree that ministers must balance on the beam separating church and state very carefully by remaining conscious of the fact that one quick step left or right could be detrimental to their social livelihood. Others dispute that the church is simply not the proper place for a political forum.

Ndidi Amadi, a junior political science major says that she believes in the separation of church and state as it relates to politics in the pulpit. "A lot of times people spend more time

talking about politics in the church than talking about Jesus," Amadi said. "It isn't the preacher's place to talk about his views. He should focus more on the word."

Amadi, who is both an aspiring government official and a devout Christian, says that while she is sure that her Christian values will significantly impact her political views, she is not worried about a developing conflict of interest between the two. "When I'm in government, I'm going to focus on justice, which I believe is godly," she says.

In "Beyond the Civil Rights Industry," authors Eva Thorne and Eugene Rivers charge that black politics must move from "protest to program, from assertions of identity to demands for action."

Some experts say that since faith-

based groups can be such a powerful force for social justice that African-American churches and religious organizations are almost obligated to continue the mixed spiritual and political legacy left behind by influential leaders such as A. Philip Randolph, Martin Luther King Jr., and Jesse Jackson. Thorn and Rivers say that they are calling a new generation of black leaders, particularly in the church, to address the plight of the black poor and to get in touch with "today's reality."

"Some churches don't touch on the things going on in people's lives," Amadi said. "But to just talk about what the Bush administration is doing or not doing isn't what the church should be doing."

Vanessa Mizell contributed to the reporting of this article



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**Some church leaders are challenging the Black church in America to be more politically involved without being controlled by the government.**



## Local Biz In My Corner: Mocha Hut

BY KISA WILLIS  
Contributing Writer

Customers who enter Mocha Hut will be immediately welcomed by soft, rhythmic music, warming colors, and the comforting scent of fresh coffee.

Conveniently nestled in the heart of the buzzing U Street district, the coffee lounge has become a popular spot for Howard students. Mocha Hut, complete with a full kitchen, offers all-day breakfast and delectable sandwiches named after some of D.C.'s landmarks, such as "The Webster," "The Ellington," and "The Buchanan."

The first Mocha Hut was established in 2001 on 14th Street by George and Audrey Nwanze.

Howard alumni, Vernal Crooms, frequented the location and decided to become a part of the business.

"I went there daily because it was my local coffee house. I thought it would be a good idea to purchase a portion of the company," Crooms said.

Crooms now manages the second Mocha Hut, located at 1301 U Street, which opened in May of 2005. He has worked in food services and the hos-



Mocha Hut, a lounge on U St. is becoming a popular chill spot for Howard students. The lounge has a full kitchen and featured specialties including Salmon Cakes, Chicken & Waffles, Shrimp & Grits and Frittata, pictured above.

pitality industry for 18 years, having worked in Houston's Planet Hollywood and The Ritz-Carlton.

Since its opening, Mocha Hut has welcomed a range of customers. According to Crooms, Mocha Hut has attracted, "the most diverse mix I have ever seen."

Mocha Hut, a comfortable spot to study, eat or relax, aims to involve the community with a weekly "Spoken Word Night" from 8 to 11 p.m. every Thursday, and an open invitation to all local and professional visual artists who would like to display their artwork. Artwork rotates in the coffee shop every

four to six weeks.

Shea Butterfly, a graphic design major at the Art Institute of Washington, attested her loyalty to Mocha Hut.

"I'm here every Thursday for Spoken Word," she said. "It gets pretty crowded. Sometimes we end up carrying the session outside if it's after 11."

## Biz Statistics

Locations:  
1301 U St. NW  
202-667-0616

4706 14th St. NW  
202-829-6200

Hours of Operation:  
Mon-Fri: 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
Sat-Sun: 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Specialties:  
All-day breakfast, Salmon Cakes, Chicken & Waffles, Shrimp & Grits, Tuscan Platter, and Frittata.

"I like to say it's simply prepared food that really lets the food speak for itself," Crooms said with a smile.

Looking to expand Mocha Hut to Georgia Avenue, Crooms noted that the surrounding area is changing and he is planning to open another larger venue including two levels and outdoor seating in late 2007.

Crooms hopes to open two to three more by 2008 in order to eventually grow to 10 to 15 Mocha Huts in the Washington area. Crooms would eventually like to expand nationwide.

"I want [Mocha Hut] to be a place that kids grow up around, go away, then come back and know they have to go to Mocha Hut [because] there's no other place quite like it."

Junior acting major Terilyn Flemming enjoys the quaint spot.

"[Mocha Hut] was very nice, real warm and cozy. Somewhere I could see myself on a regular basis to relax, read, and get some breakfast," Flemming was pleased with the friendly and quick service, as well as the good food. "Black people owning their own business—that makes me feel good. I had a very good experience."

## UPN + The WB = The CW

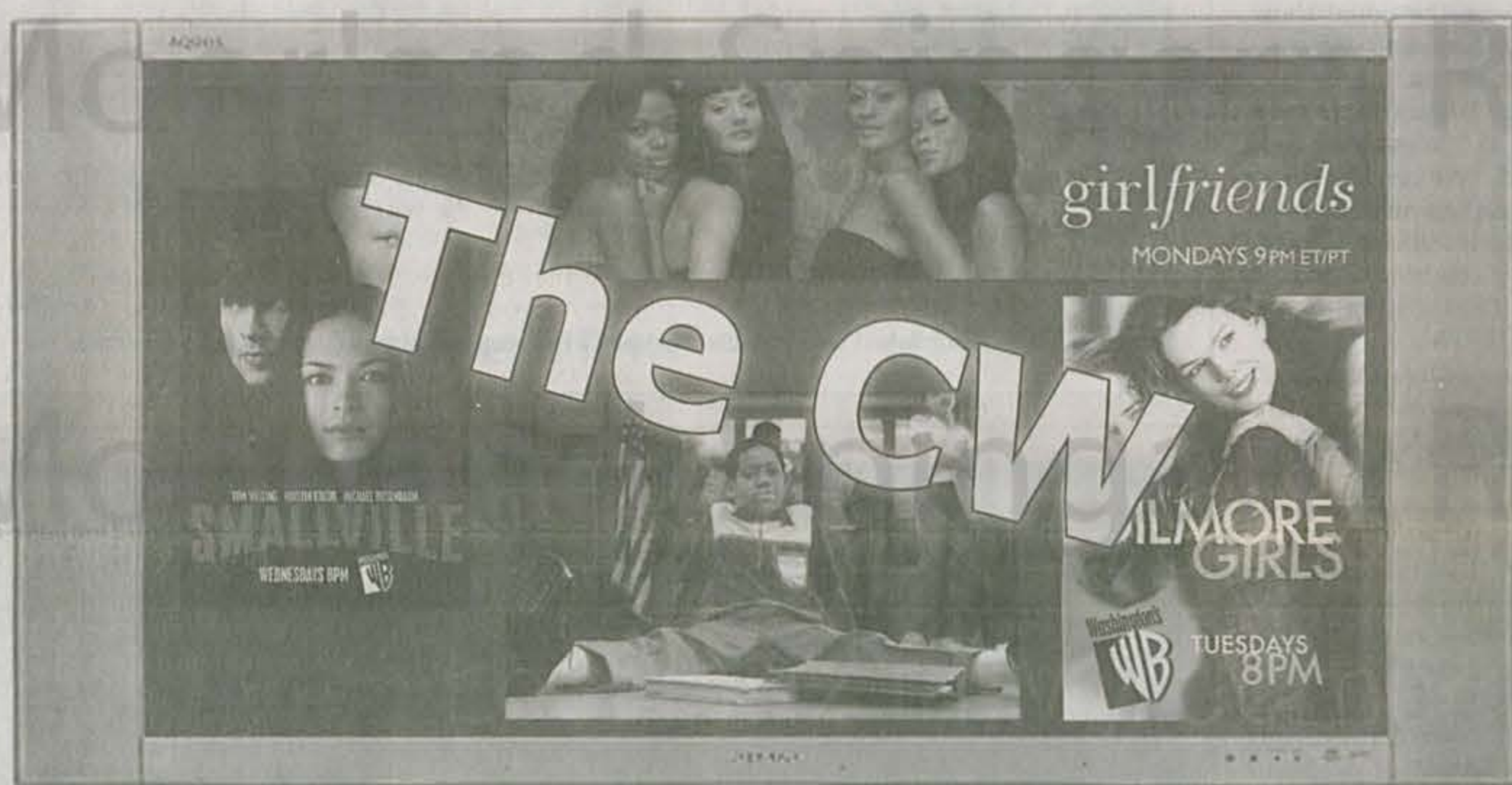


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Students will be able to watch their favorite shows like "Gilmore Girls," "Smallville," "Everybody Hates Chris," and "Girlfriends" on The CW this upcoming fall.

BY KENDRA TURNER  
Contributing Writer

A marriage between struggling U.S. broadcast stations UPN (United Paramount Network) and WB (Warner Brothers), will birth a new and improved station called the CW. The new network, which is set to launch September 2006, is geared toward a younger, diverse audience.

The name, CW, is a combination of the CBS Corporations, which owns UPN, and Warner Brothers Entertainment, owners of the WB. The CW will be a joint venture for both companies, since each will hold a 50 percent interest in the new station.

The Tribune Broadcasting Company, which has stations in seven of the United States' top ten television markets, has signed a ten-year affiliation contract, and has agreed to associate sixteen of its televi-

sion stations with the new network. Among these stations is WBDC-TV, Washington, D.C., according to the Tribune's website. This agreement will give CW total coverage of over 48 percent of the United States.

Individually, UPN and WB have struggled to compete against larger rivals in the broadcasting industry, including ABC, Fox and CBS.

"Tribune stations will serve as the major market distribution backbone for what will be a strong network competitor," Tribune Broadcasting President John Reardon said in the press release. "The viewers and advertisers in the markets we serve will benefit."

Sophomore psychology major, Jameka Brown, is an avid watcher of both the WB and UPN.

"I like the WB because it is entertaining. I look forward to Tuesdays and Wednesdays when the shows that I enjoy on the WB come on," Brown

said. "I like UPN because they have old shows like "Martin," "A Different World," and "Good Times."

Brown was displeased to hear about the merger. "I might not want to watch something on the WB, so I will turn to UPN, but now I don't have that option. I don't have an alternative, and have to watch whatever is on the CW."

One major objective of the merger is to take the best shows from each of the stations and air them everyday of the week.

"The CW will be able to do something truly remarkable: program hit shows every single day of the week. These are the programs that consistently rank number one or number two in their time slots in the most coveted young adult demographic," head of CBS, Leslie Moonves told M&C Business News.

Fans of "America's Next Top Model," "Smallville," "Everybody Hates Chris," "Girlfriends," "Reba," and

"WWE Smackdown" should not fret, since high ratings will carry these shows over to the CW weekly line-up. Other shows that will also be a part of CW from the WB are "Beauty and the Geek," "Gilmore Girls," and "Supernatural."

Sophomore television production major Ebony Shanks is relieved to hear that some of the original programming will become a part of the CW.

"I watch UPN a lot and I love "Girlfriends" and "America's Next Top Model," she said. "It's good to know that we won't be losing shows we know and love."

With 30 hours of programming airing seven days a week in an extensive line-up of already popular shows, many predict, the CW will become a strong competitor to the "Big Four" networks: ABC, NBC, CBS and Fox.



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Allhiphop.com is a popular news website students go to for the latest news in the hip hop community.

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AllHipHop.comBY TASHIRA WALKER  
Contributing Writer

Hip-hop culture is a constant growing presence amongst today's youth. Where is there to go to stay informed about the evolving world of hip-hop world? The answer is Allhiphop.com.

Established in 1998 by CEOs Greg Watkins and Chuck Creekmur, Allhiphop.com is an online source that provides viewers with accurate timely news in all aspects of hip-hop.

The website has an array of college-aged viewers because of its plethora of online activities including up-to-date news reports, music sound clips, music videos and interviews. Allhiphop.com offers everything from the latest rumors in the hip-hop industry to forums with topics such as video games, music, social issues, politics, fashion and business.

Viewers are also introduced to upcoming music artists who are unsigned or are starting promotional tours for approaching album releases.

"My favorite thing about the site is that it offers current information and is always up to date. Like with the Cam' Ron shooting, AHH had a story about it within hours," sophomore radio production major, Erick Vilson said.

Allhiphop.com goes beyond

the average website, and offers daily hip-hop news alerts via email, cell phones, and two ways.

Another popular section of the site is The Ill Community. This portion of the website allows their 70,000 plus members to post opinions in the discussion forums, as well as poetry, raps, and artwork.

"My most favorite component of the site is the Rumors section, not necessarily for the gossip, but to stay abreast of the buzz in the industry that has not broken into mainstream news yet," senior public relations major, Candace Jones said. "Rumors on AHH are not usually outrageous hearsay—they are discreet about what they post and make sure it has some valid background information."

Allhiphop.com boasts that students are not the only frequent visitors of this website. Many media outlets such as CNN, The Source, XXL, and the New York Post utilize Allhiphop.com to receive the latest hip-hop information.

"Anything that affects urban music, mainly hip-hop, will be posted on the site," Jones said. "I visit the site at least once a day to see what's new in the urban world. If something serious has happened, you can bet that Allhiphop is on it."

"If something serious has happened, you can bet that AllHipHop is on it."

- Candace Jones, '06

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## Conference Followup



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**Delta Sigma Theta hosted a followup retreat to their Woman To Woman Conference.**  
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she showed how persistence can take you where you want to go. If you work hard and do your best, you can and will succeed."

"Reproductive Rights," a session lead by Sonya Clay from Planned Parenthood, discussed sexually transmitted diseases and safe sex practices. Clay allowed the girls to ask questions and gave feedback on their situations.

Shaniqua Love, a sophomore at Thurgood Marshall Academy said, "She gave good information, but should have been more open to others opinions."

The highlight of the retreat was the session hosted by Howard University male students entitled "Nothing But the Truth." The discussion was lead by William Miles, Gaspar David Stinfil, Jason Coles, Christopher Bowser, Norman Gyamfi, James Toney, and Phillip Murray. The guys answered all the girls' questions from why men cheat to the type of girls they like versus

the girls they take home to meet their mother.

When asked about relationships, Stinfil advised the girls to "hold out as long as you can." As the discussion proceeded, the questions became more personal and panelists were forthcoming, despite the nature of the questions.

"The guys were open and honest about everything; they didn't try to hide anything," said Ashley Bemby, a junior at Forestville High School.

Kennika Jones, a junior from Thurgood Marshall Academy said, "It was good to have a guy's point of view, so you don't have to guess."

The first day ended with a "Heart to Heart" talk among the girls, revealing lots of the girls' personal concerns. "We were able to talk to the girls and try to help them through their problems," Bradshaw said. "We want them to know that we care and want to do anything to help. If there is anything they need, we want to be there for them."

Despite snow, the retreat continued. The girls stayed up playing games and talking until they fell asleep. When they woke the next morning, their last session on healthy relationships hosted by Tracy Wilkins was canceled due to the snow. Bradshaw regrouped and created a talent show for the girls to participate in.

The girls were broken up into groups and promptly made up routines to showcase. There was a three-way tie, which lead to a dance off.

In the intermission, chapter members showed off step routines.

Brea Steele and Shaniqua Love, from Thurgood Marshall Academy, won the talent show, with their duet and synchronized dance moves.

Sharita Adom, sophomore from H. D. Woodson High School said, "We are all sisters; we don't need to look for boys, and our education should come first."

## Students Get to Grade Their Professors

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istry professors more than some website," said Joshlyn Holland, a sophomore. "Someone on the website could just be mad."

More recently professors across the country have been striking back at what are sometimes brutal ratings by threatening to create a website dedicated to rating students. While the sites are simply meant to aid students in getting the most out of their tuition costs, some people believe angst ridden students are using the sites to conduct malicious verbal attacks on professors who they may have had bad experiences with.

"He is the worst teacher in the world. His class is passable, if you are a good self teacher. He can't speak, write or comprehend the English language," writes one Howard student on the site.

Another student said this about a professor: "She's the worst. She cannot teach and she does not take her job seriously. A student in our class could speak better than she could. This class is a joke."

While remarks such as these may warrant some type of retaliation from professors, Dionne Clemons who teaches Public Relations in the School of Communications feels that a site dedicated to rating students would need more viability.

"If teaching professionals chose to create a student rating site, I think it should be designed to help students' educational development, not hinder it," she said.

She said she thinks sites of this sort are another way for students to communicate to professors things that they may have felt too uncomfortable saying in

person.

"I think that it's a great way for professors to truly know how students feel about their teaching styles and them personally," she said.

Though Howard has already installed a system of professor grading in its teacher evaluation forms, the forms are mostly used to aid the teachers and not the students directly. Clemons admits to using the evaluations to adjust her teaching methods.

"I am always interested in what students think about my teaching style, which is why I take Howard's student evaluation form so seriously," she said.

Clemons also says she would be open to visiting the site to view her ratings.

"I would definitely visit a site like this to see what students have to say about my teaching style," she said.

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Time 12:00pm-1:30pm, Location Blackburn Gallery Lounge

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For more information contact Sechaba Khoopa at skhoopa@hotmail.com or Dr. Nahal at anahal@howard.edu 202.806.7887

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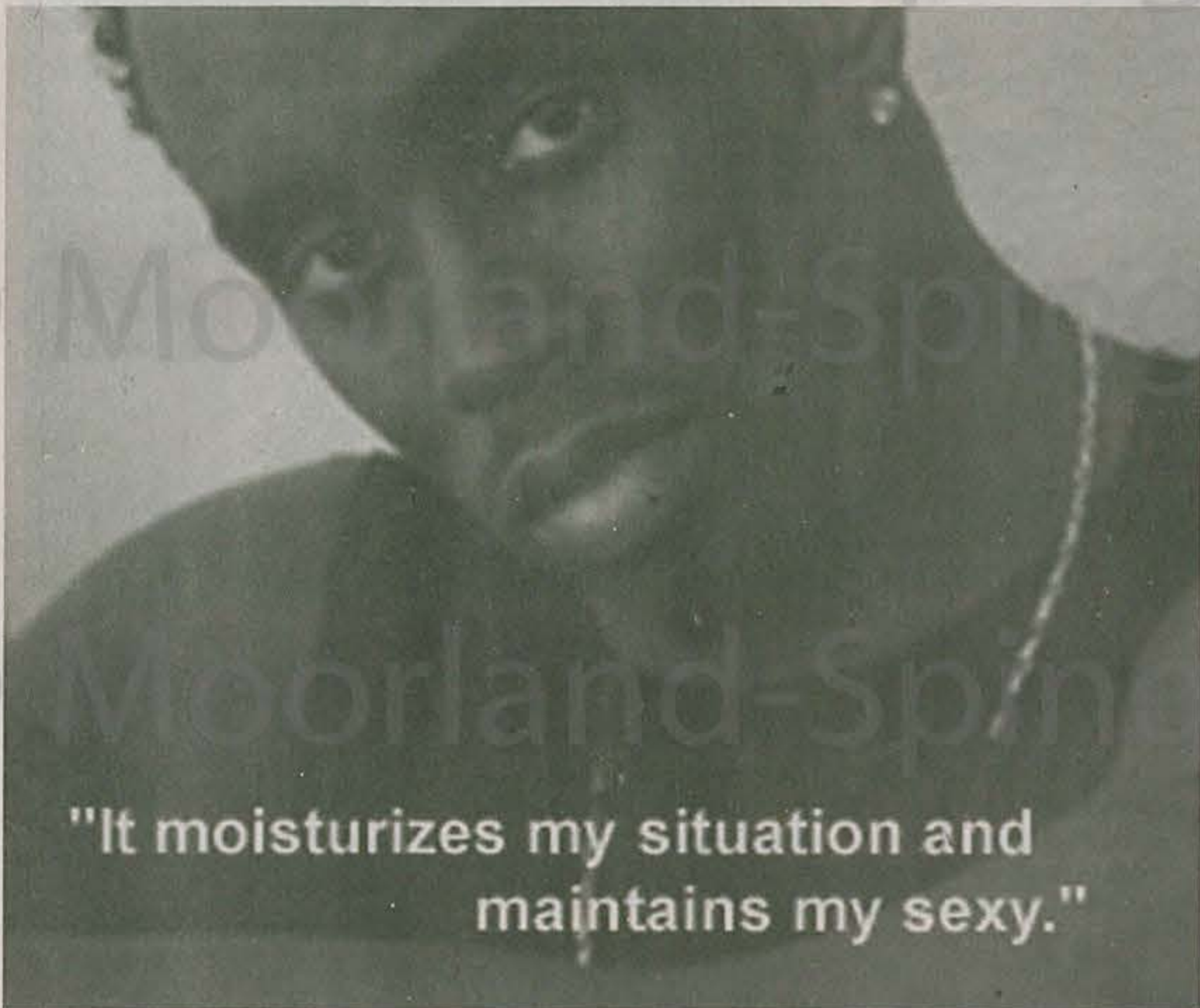
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# EDITORIALS & Perspectives



## Celebs Maintain Their Sexy

The first step to making money as an artist is to boost the record sales and keep music videos and hit songs at the top of the charts.

After receiving an award or two and getting some clout, the next move is to get some endorsements.

Celebrities have endorsements ranging from Chicken of the Sea tuna, to Proactiv acne solution, Mountain Dew and other money-making ventures.

We laughed as Diddy explained how he had to have his "sexy all the way right" referring to his Proactiv acne treatments. The money market is endless for celebs and they are capitalizing!

When it comes to clothing lines, it has really gotten out of hand. There's Ashanti's

Delicious Curves jeans, Nelly's Apple Bottoms, and Beyonce's House of Dereon line and Gwen Stefani's Harajuku Lovers.

Back in the day, it seemed only Rocawear and Sean John would be the standouts but now everyone has a clothing line. Some of the artists' clothes are

One Hilltoper saw a Master P and Lil' Romeo Rap Snack on a food vendor truck in front of Cramton Auditorium. Another heard talks of actual Snoop Dogg hot dogs that will soon be available.

Has anyone tried Lil' Jon's Crunk energy drink? We are not hating on the ideas because many of them put extra change in the celebrity wallets.

If the Olsen twins can capitalize and build an endorsement empire before they hit adult status, why can't everyone else?

There is money to be made and we will continue to be amused by the interesting ideas they come up with!

**Our View:**  
*The celebrity endorsements, projects and clothing lines have gotten a bit out of control.*

great and others get two thumbs down.

Is anyone wearing Mandy Moore's clothing line? We think not. Eminem's clothing line is a bit shady too!

Some of the business ventures are truly hilarious especially when it comes to food.

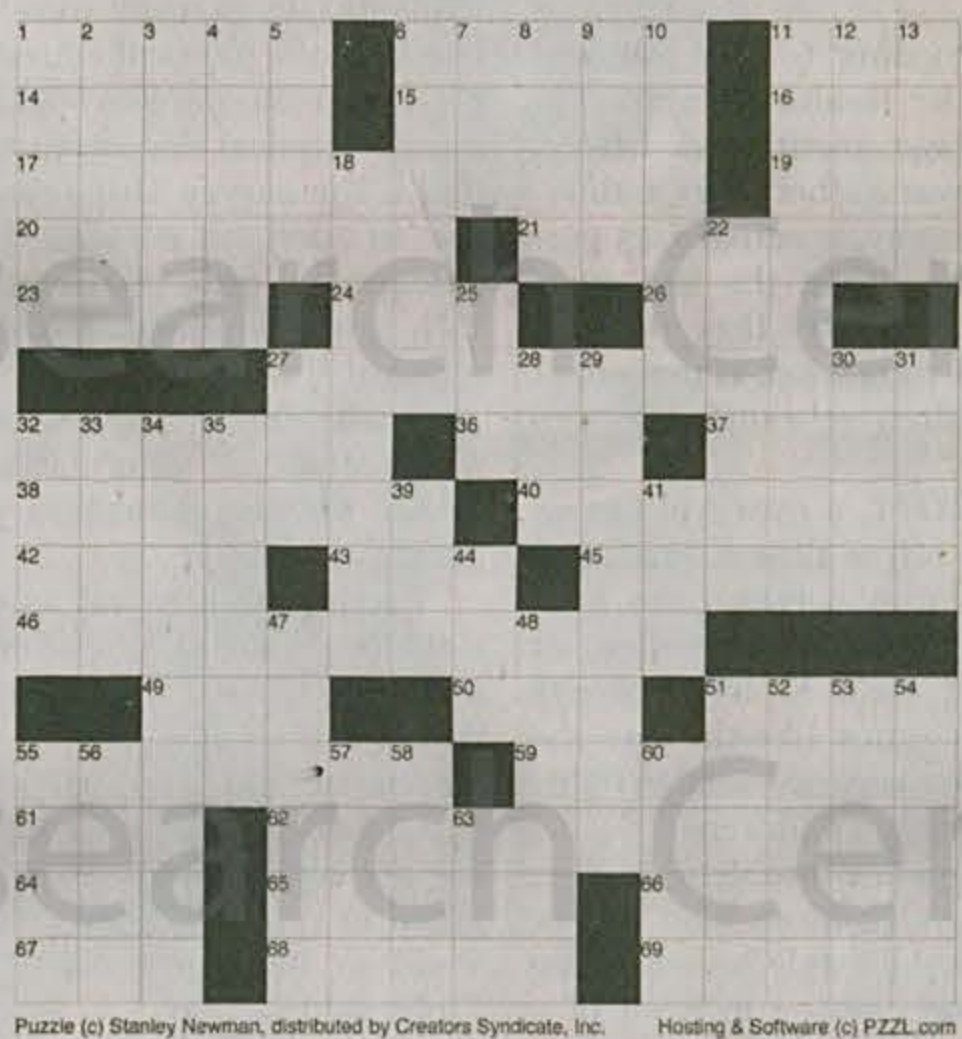
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# Health Clubs for Kids; New Way to Fight Child Obesity

BY SHALEEM THOMPSON  
Contributing Writer

With 16 percent of children between the ages of 6-19 suffering from obesity in the United States, parents are enrolling their children into gyms at increasingly younger ages.

According to the National Center for Health Statistics, the percentage mentioned before, which was gathered in a 1999-2002 survey, is actually 45 percent more than the last overweight estimates they received in 1988-1994 when 11 percent of the children were suffering from obesity.

FUNFIT, a gym and fitness center, offers fitness programs for children between the ages of 0-12 years. The president of FUNFIT, Celia Kibler, believes that programs like the one she offers are very essential in fighting obesity in children.

"A major problem is that nowadays children lead a very sedentary lifestyle because they are always sitting in front of a computer or television, so it is important that children take part in fitness programs that are not only sports," Kibler said.

Annie Mahon, the founder of Circle Yoga and Budding Yogis agrees with Kibler.

"Children are encouraged to sit a lot and combined with the fact that Americans eat a lot of processed foods aids in

the increasing obesity rates," Mahon said.

Another major factor in the rise of obesity can be attributed to the schools. In a 2003 Youth Risk Behavior Survey conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on District of Columbia high school students, 47 percent were not enrolled in a physical education class and 81 percent did not attend physical education class daily. The survey also revealed that in 2003, 38 percent of 9th graders and only 18 percent of 12th graders attended a daily physical education class.

Kibler thinks that her company offers an alternative to school physical education programs.

"A lot of physical education classes are sports oriented and competitive. We, however, de-emphasize competition and emphasize fun and participation, because many children are not highly competitive and gifted in sports so they tend to avoid or back away from it," Kibler said.

Circle Yoga and Budding Yogis teach children yoga starting as young as 2 years old. Founder, Annie Mahon, says that she doesn't consider this exercise but a way in which children can stay connected to their bodies and help their brain develop.

"It is natural for children to move about and we always end



Photo courtesy of www.funfit.com

Gyms and programs like FUNFIT offer parent-child yoga and 'parachute parties', like the one pictured above, as a way to get children to engage in healthy practices at an early age.

with a relaxation period where we teach the children to relax their mind and body," Mahon said.

Mahon also points out a lot of reasons people eat is because of anxiety so if they are calm they are more likely not to eat. "They can use the relaxation techniques taught in class to help them relax when stressed," Mahon said.

FUNFIT, which has been in

existence since 1987, boasts of a fitness program that is safe for their young clientele.

"Everything is age appropriate and beneficial to the cognitive development of a child based on their growth and learning. The activities designed for the 0-3 year olds remain the same so they can master their activities and gain self-confidence. The parents take part as well so they get an aerobic exercise," Kibler said.

Jules Harrell, the chair-

man of the Howard University's psychology department, thinks kid-oriented gyms are a good idea. "Children are spontaneously active but these exercises can guide them in burning energy. Obesity is ravaging society and I think these clubs provide a source of enjoyment for children not only physically but mentally as well," Harrell said.

Annie Mahon stressed that Circle Yoga and Budding Yogis offers activities that everyone in the family can enjoy. "You don't need a team, you could do this anywhere and anytime with your family and it is healthy," Mahon said.

"There are not a lot of things that are healthy and fun that a family can do together but practicing yoga is definitely one."

## ...With A Modern Twist '80s Fashion in 2006

BY JACQUELINE COOK  
Contributing Writer

Leg warmers, fluorescent colors, big hair and big gold earrings are only a few of the fashionable items that were a part of the 1980s uniform.

During the '80s, people thrived on materialism, so it follows that the clothing choices of the era were exaggerated and flashy. According to Aba Kwawu, a professor in the fashion merchandising department, the levels of consumption that the decade brought about contributed greatly to the fashion world.

"It wasn't uncommon for people to spend exorbitant amounts of money on clothing," Kwawu said.

Kwawu said that this extreme attitude toward spending is what led to the emergence of the "super designer." People like Tommy Hilfinger, Gianni Versace and Donna Karan were being elevated to celebrity status for simply making high-end clothes and setting trends.

Karan has cemented herself in the fashion history books by introducing one of the decade's greatest trends: the power suit.

Women were gaining more influence in the workplace and found themselves in tailored suits with extra large shoulder pads to assert their strength. This style was popularized by such television shows as "Dynasty" and "Dallas".

Another prominent trend, the "Flashdance" look, was inspired by the film of the same name, which starred actress Jennifer Beals. Beals' aspiring dancer persona inspired a surge of girls to wear leg warmers, sweat bands and cutoff tops.

Other items synonymous with the '80s include colored and patterned tights, fishnets, polka dots, big hair and micro miniskirts.

These things are not only symbols of trends past, but they are also artifacts of sorts, signifying important social changes.

"The idea of femininity was pushed to the limit. The idea of androgyny also became more acceptable. Men played with textures, colors, and cuts," Kwawu said.

Kwawu also claims that the fashion of the era had an



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Actress Jennifer Beals had everyone imitating her off the shoulder look she made famous in the movie 'Flashdance.'

important impact on the African American community.

"Hip hop and fashion exist hand in hand and they have evolved together," said Kwawu, citing Run DMC's Adidas and Kurtis Blow's tight leather jackets as influences.

Though the 80s have had major influence on the runways the past few seasons, not everyone is looking forward to a complete resurgence of '80s style.

"Hopefully the '80s don't make a full comeback... little accessories and nods to that decade are fine, but it doesn't need a full comeback," said Asia David, a sophomore fashion merchandising major at Eastern Michigan University.

While this upcoming spring season did not feature much from the decade, some '80s influence is still visible. Asymmetry and bandage dresses, key features on the catwalks of '80s star designers, Gianni Versace and Azzedine Alaïa, have appeared on the spring 2006 runways of top designers

like Louis Vuitton, Christian Dior and Alexander McQueen among others. The power suit has also been reinvented for this upcoming season with softer lines and fine tailoring.

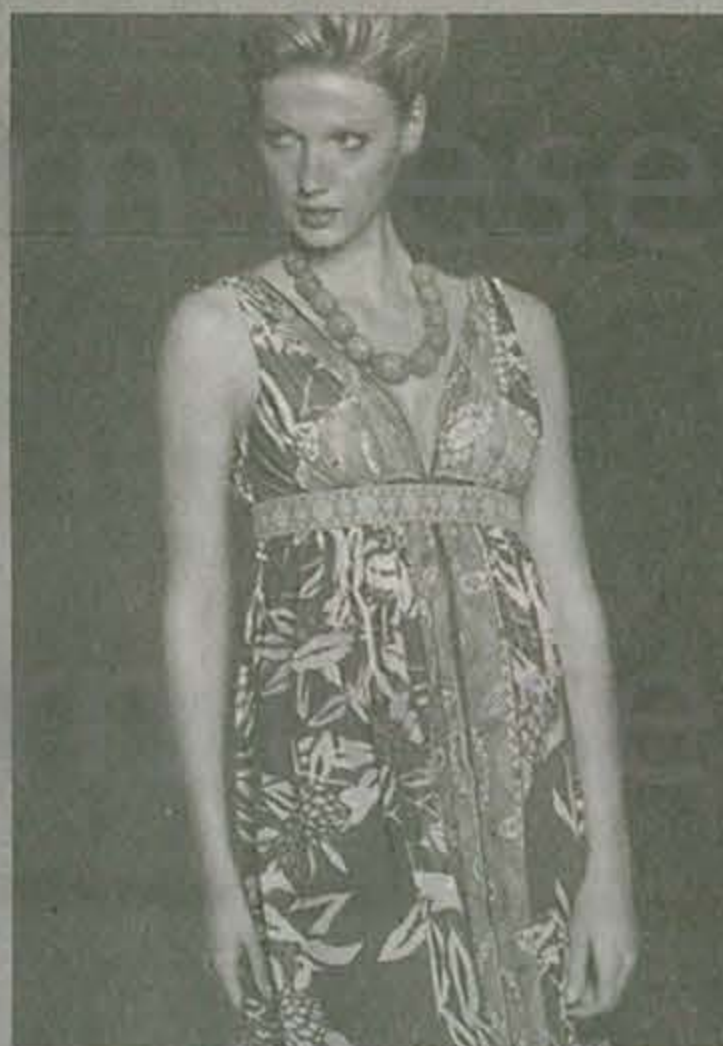
"I think that the big curls, crimps, and side ponytails came back for a minute," said sophomore fashion merchandising major Tamera Darden. Darden sees the '80s in current trends as well, such as the big gold jewelry and leggings recently seen on runways.

Sophomore marketing major Tiarra Wade, a self-declared trendy dresser, embraces '80s staples.

"They [80s inspired pieces] are very influential on what's fashionable right now," Wade said.

"Two seasons ago everything was eighties," said Kwawu, referring to things like the metallic trend of 2005. "It's pretty dead right now, but I'm sure that they will return because fashion moves in cycles," Kwawu said.

## Up To The Minute Tunic and Print Dresses



Photos Courtesy of www.audisiron.com

Everything's coming up roses...and daisies and sunflowers and just about every print you can imagine this spring. Once the staple of grade school picture-day finery, print and floral dresses are growing up. In varying lengths and differing silhouettes, from tunic to the more body conscious, the print dress can be worn for just about any occasion. Wear it alone with kitten heels for a sweet look, or, if it's a tunic, wear it with a wide belt and a cardigan to make the look more edgy.



**BY TAMARA KELLEY**  
*Contributing Writer*

The study categorized fifty-six percent of all NFL players as obese (having a body mass index (BMI) of 30 or higher) and

Of the 3,850 players studied, 130 died before age 50 and twenty-two percent of those

"BMI isn't a good indicator of obesity in athletes because of muscle mass, but a waist size greater than 40 inches indicates metabolic syndrome.

"Our coach comes to the cafeteria and eats with us. He might say, 'Instead of grabbing that doughnut, why don't you get a fruit?' Everybody monitors each other. It's a group effort," Townsel said.



The death of San Francisco 49ers offensive lineman Thomas Herrion brought much attention to the health of NFL football players and sparked a study by Scripps Howard.

- Dr. Tarzewell Banks

Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant is planning to team up with Hall of Famer Magic Johnson and Los Angeles Sparks center Lisa Leslie for the Shooting Stars competition during the All-Star weekend. The competition will feature four teams – Los Angeles, Houston, Phoenix and San Francisco – each composed of an NBA star, WNBA player and NBA Legend.

*Compiled by Drew Costley, Sports Editor*



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**TAU BETA SIGMA**  
NATIONAL HONORARY BAND  
SORORITY, INC.  
PRESENTS.....  
FOUNDER'S WEEK 2006:  
"22 YEARS OF ELEGANCE"  
SUN 2/12  
CALL TO CHAPEL  
MON 2/13  
MOVIE NIGHT  
"DIARY OF A MAD BLACK WOMAN"  
7:46 PM  
BASEMENT OF FINE ARTS  
TUE 2/14  
"MIDNIGHT LOVE" POETRY  
CIPHER  
8:46 PM  
BASEMENT OF FINE ARTS  
WED 2/15  
"FASHION FORWARD: THE  
EVOLUTION OF WOMEN IN  
MUSIC"  
7:46 PM  
BASEMENT OF FINE ARTS  
THUR 2/16  
"WOMEN OF DISTINCTION  
II: REDEFINING A WOMAN"  
7:46 PM  
RM 105 LOCKE HALL  
FRI 2/17  
CHAPTER RECITAL  
"THE MASK OF THE  
CHOSEN"  
7:46 PM  
BLACKBURN AUDITORIUM  
SAT 2/18  
SISTER'S DAY AT THE GAME  
2-4PM  
BURR GYMNASIUM  
"A NIGHT ON ICE"  
8:46 PM

**NSCS GENERAL BODY**  
MEETING MONDAY,  
FEBRUARY 13, 2006  
BLACKBURN FORUM

**X**  
**JOIN THE**  
**MOVEMENT**

**First Love**  
**Revisited**  
**Discussions**  
**MEN:**  
**Drew Hill**  
**Lounge**  
**WOMEN:**  
**Balckburn**  
**Rm. 148-150**  
**February 15 & 16**  
**6:45pm**  
**Nightly**

**ATTENTION!!!**  
Applications for  
Student Award  
Nominations are  
Now Available  
in the Office of  
Student Activities.  
Due: Feb. 20, 2006  
@ 5pm in the  
Office of Student  
Activities.  
Auditions: Feb. 24,  
25 and 26  
Available Awards  
Best Student:  
Actor, Singer,  
Dancer, Musician,  
Film Maker,  
Photographer,  
Spoken Word  
Artist, Orator;  
Journalist of the  
Year and Photo  
of the Year;  
and Redefining  
the Student  
Experience  
Interested in  
volunteering?  
Award ceremony  
volunteers will  
assist  
coordinators and  
chairpersons with  
tasks pertaining  
to the success of  
the UGSA Spring  
Black Arts Awards  
Ceremony.

**OMEGA PSI PHI**  
**FRATERNITY**  
**INC.,**  
**ALPHA CHAPTER**  
**AND**  
**THE KNIGHTS**  
**PRESENTS:**

**"BRIDGING THE**  
**GAP" BETWEEN**  
**AFRICANS AND**  
**BLACKS**

**BLACKBURN**  
**CENTER, 7:00PM**  
**FEBRUARY 23RD**

## ATTENTION

Alternative  
Spring Break  
(ASB)  
APPLICANTS  
The ASB Steering  
Committee  
would like to  
thank you for  
application sub-  
mission.  
Due to over-  
whelming  
response, the  
committee is  
determined to  
find resources  
and sponsor-  
ships to accom-  
modate all  
applicants.  
The current satus  
of all applica-  
tions is pend-  
ing, until further  
notice.  
All applicants  
are asked to  
attend the first  
of a series of  
orientations,  
next Sunday,  
February 19  
at 4 PM in the  
Andrew Rankin  
Memorial  
Chapel.  
Thank you for  
your under-  
standing.

Please direct all  
questions and  
concerns to  
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**Alpha Psi, Inc.**  
**Kappa Chi**  
**Chapter**  
**Kordially**  
**invite you**  
**to "KUPID'S**  
**LOUNGE"**  
A night of  
fashion fea-  
turing the  
gentlemen of  
Kappa Chi.  
and an auc-  
tion of HU's  
finest men  
and women.  
Refreshments  
will be  
served.  
**FEBRUARY**  
**14TH**  
**BLACKBURN**  
**BALLROOM**  
**7-10PM**  
**\$10**  
**Tickets On**  
**Sale with**  
**EMSL Members**  
**in Basement**  
**of Blackburn**

**LADIES, MARK**  
**YOUR CALENDARS!!**  
Sis2Sis invites you  
to:  
**HERstory:**  
**An Evening**  
**Dialogue with Artis**  
**Hampshire-Cowan**  
**Senior Vice**  
**President of Howard**  
**University and**  
**Secretary of the**  
**Board of Trustees**  
**Wed., Feb. 15,**  
**2006 at 5:30 PM in**  
**Carnegie Hall, Room**  
**A**  
You DO NOT want to  
miss this!  
See you there!  
[sis2sis2005@yahoo.com](mailto:sis2sis2005@yahoo.com)

*Tiffany*  
*Newell 2006-2007*  
*Undergraduate*  
*Trustee*  
*Vote March 2,*  
*2006 on Bisonweb*  
*Expressing The*  
*Voice of The*  
*Undergraduate*  
*Student Body*

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